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## **Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Long-Term Conservation Strategy for Marbled Murrelet Released for Public Comment**

*Comment period open through March 9, 2017*

LACEY, Wash. – The draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' Long-Term Conservation Strategy for the Marbled Murrelet is available for public review and comment. This is a joint draft EIS between the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service and WDNR, and it meets the National Environmental Policy Act and the State Environmental Policy Act requirements.

Public comments will be accepted through March 9, 2017. There also will be a series of public meetings and a webinar in early 2017.

Six alternatives for the marbled murrelet long-term conservation strategy are presented for state trust lands. There is not a preferred alternative at this time. The draft EIS can be viewed on DNR's website at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/long-term-conservation-strategy-marbled-murrelet>

The Federal Register Notice of Availability can be viewed at: <http://bit.ly/2htdRw1>

Send comments to the DNR SEPA Center at [sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov) or to PO Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7015; include the file number – SEPA File No. 12-042001 – on all mailed comments and in the subject line of comments sent by email.

The marbled murrelet is a seabird that was listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act in 1992. The marbled murrelet spends most of its life on coastal marine waters, but nests inland from these waters in mature and old-growth forest.

The four public meetings and webinar will be held:

- January 10 from 6-8 p.m. at NW Region Office NW Conference Center, 919 N Township Street, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284
- January 12 from 6-8 p.m. at Whitman Middle School Auditorium, 9201 15th Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98117
- January 17 from 6-8 p.m. at Port Angeles High School Commons/Lunch Room, 304 E Park, Port Angeles, WA 98362

- January 19 from 6-8 p.m. at Julius A Wendt Elementary School Multipurpose Room, 265 S 3rd St., Cathlamet, WA 98612
- January 24 from 2-3 p.m. online at [www.dnr.wa.gov/mmltcs](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/mmltcs)

For more information visit [www.fws.gov/wawfo/](http://www.fws.gov/wawfo/) or <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/long-term-conservation-strategy-marbled-murrelet>.

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